

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a surgical instrument having an elongated body having a handle member and a surgical working portion extending therefrom, the improvement comprising said elongated body being formed of an MRI compatible composition and said handle member having a reference member positioned with respect to the handle member for the hand of the user.
2. The surgical instrument of **Claim 1**, wherein said MRI compatible composition is selected from the group of compositions consisting of polymeric materials, graphite, titanium, nitinol and combinations thereof.
3. The surgical instrument of **Claim 2**, wherein said handle member is comprised of a generally cylindrical structure having a first handle portion with a first diameter and a second handle portion with a second diameter, said first diameter being larger than said second diameter, wherein said reference member positioned with respect to said first handle portion and wherein said working portion extends from said second handle portion.
4. The surgical instrument of **Claim 3**, wherein said first handle portion is formed of graphite, wherein said second handle portion is formed of a polymeric material and wherein said working portion is formed of titanium.

5. The surgical instrument of **Claim 4**, wherein said reference member is an elongated protrusion member extending axially from said first handle portion or an elongated indentation member extending axially in said first handle portion.
6. The surgical instrument of **Claim 2**, wherein said handle member has a textured surface.
7. The surgical instrument of **Claim 6**, wherein said handle member has a polyolefin heat shrunk tubing or a rubber material thereabout, each having a low durometer reading.
8. The surgical instrument of **Claim 2**, wherein said handle member is a bayonet style handle member.
9. The surgical instrument of **Claim 1**, wherein said working portion is formed of a material selected from the group of materials consisting of nitinol, polycarbonate, nylon, acrylic, acetal resin polymer, titanium, graphite and combinations thereof.
10. The surgical instrument of **Claim 1**, wherein said working portion is comprised of titanium and wherein said titanium is anodized.
11. The surgical instrument of **Claim 1**, wherein said working portion has a terminal connecting member, wherein said handle member has a terminal connecting

member and wherein said connecting members of said handle member and said working portion are press fit to form said surgical instrument.

12. A surgical instrument for use in interventional MRI suites comprising a body member formed of a material having MRI transparency, said material selected from the group of materials consisting of polymeric materials, graphite, titanium, a nitinol composition and combinations thereof.
13. The surgical instrument of **Claim 12**, wherein said body member includes a handle member having a reference point.
14. The surgical instrument of **Claim 13**, wherein said handle member is generally cylindrical in cross-section and wherein said reference point is an elongated protrusion member or an elongated indentation member extending axially along said handle member.
15. The surgical instrument of **Claim 14**, wherein said handle member has a first portion with a first diameter and a second portion with a second diameter, said first diameter being greater than said second diameter, said first portion having a textured surface.
16. The surgical instrument of **Claim 14**, wherein a polyolefin heat shrink tubing or soft rubber material is positioned about at least a portion of said handle member.

17. The surgical instrument of **Claim 13**, wherein said handle member is a bayonet style handle member.
18. The surgical instrument of **Claim 13**, wherein said body member includes a working portion and wherein said working portion extends from said handle member.
19. The surgical instrument of **Claim 18**, wherein said handle member is constructed of graphite and wherein said working portion is formed of a material selected from the group of materials consisting of nitinol, polycarbonate, nylon, acrylic, acetal resin polymer, titanium and combinations thereof.
20. The surgical instrument of **Claim 19**, wherein said working portion is comprised of titanium and wherein said titanium is anodized.
21. The surgical instrument of **Claim 19**, wherein said instrument comprises a probe, dissector or ring-curette and has an angled distal working portion tip in a range of 0° to 90°.
22. The surgical instrument of **Claim 12**, wherein said instrument is a surgical suction instrument having a hub and a malleable suction tube, said suction tube being formed of nitinol or titanium.

23. A surgical instrument for use in conjunction with a magnetic resonance imaging procedure, said surgical instrument comprising:
- a) an elongated handle portion, said elongated handle portion being constructed and arranged having a reference point; and
 - b) a working end portion extending from said elongated handle portion, wherein said working end portion is made of a magnetic resonance imaging transparent material and which is compatible with magnetic resonance imaging procedures.
24. The surgical instrument of **Claim 23**, wherein said reference point is an indentation or a protrusion on or in said elongated handle portion.
25. The surgical instrument of **Claim 23**, said working end portion has an angled distal end.
26. The surgical instrument of **Claim 25**, wherein said angled distal end ranges between approximately 0-90°.
27. The surgical instrument of **Claim 23**, wherein said handle portion is formed of a generally cylindrical body constructed of graphite.
28. The surgical instrument of **Claim 23**, wherein said handle portion is textured and wherein said texture is provided by parallel grooves in said handle portion.

29. The surgical instrument of **Claim 23**, wherein said handle portion includes a covering.
30. The surgical instrument of **Claim 29**, wherein said covering is made of a material selected from the group of materials consisting of polyolefin and rubber.
31. The surgical instrument of **Claim 23**, wherein said magnetic resonance imaging transparent material of said working end portion is titanium or anodized titanium.